



Let's Grow Together

What do you think was the main point in this week's message? What did God teach you through the message this weekend?

Celebrating Pastors who Help us Grow

Read Hebrews 13:17

Q1. In The Message, this verse reads "Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery; why would you want to make things harder for them?" Why would anyone want to make things harder for our pastors?

Q2. *Getting Personal:* Will our Sunrise pastors be able to tell Jesus that leading you was a pleasure? Why/why not? All the time? Some of the time? None of the time?

Q3. To whom must Otis, Phil and Titus give an account to of their pastoring? Read also 1 Pt 5:3-4.

Q4. Would you say, "An obedient congregation prays for its leaders"? OR would you say, "A praying congregation obeys its leaders"? Are both true? Neither? What is the difference?

Q5. What are we told to do in this verse? Who are we to imitate?

Q6. *Getting Personal:* How have our pastors been positive examples to our flock? To you?

Read 1 Peter 5:1-3.

Q7. What responsibilities does God give His shepherds (pastors)?

Q8. Why is this metaphor especially significant to Peter (read Jn 21:13-17)?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.

Q9. What does it mean to "respect" (ESV), "honor" (NLT/Msg) or "esteem" (NKJV) our pastors? [The Message says to "overwhelm them with appreciation and love!" Is this a once a year effort? How can we respect / honor / esteem Otis, Phil and Titus throughout the year?

Q10. Pastors are to "admonish" (NKJV, ESV), "give spiritual guidance" (NT), "urging and guiding you along in your obedience" (Msg). What do these phrases mean to you? *Getting Personal:* How do you respond when one of our pastors "admonish" you? When Pastor Otis "meddles" in a sermon?

What Does Fear Have to Do with Growth?

Psalm 27

October 28, 2018

Fear makes our world smaller. When it attacks in a particular area of our lives, we tend to pull back, retreat, rather than meet it head-on. In Psalm 27, David gives us an inside look at how he dealt with fear.

I. The Psalm at a Glance

- A. It's Reach
- B. It's Framework
 - 1. The Idea – v. 1
 - 2. The Hope – vs. 2-6
 - 3. The Appeal – vs. 7-14
 - 4. The Prompting – v. 14

II. The Backbone of this Psalm Expanded

- A. The Idea
- B. The Hope
- C. The Appeal
- D. The Prompting

III. The Message of this Psalm

- A. As fears raise their head, _____ them.
- B. As you _____ them, _____ them.
- C. As you disown them, _____ them.
- D. As you _____ them, _____ them.
- E. As you discard them, determine to _____.

IV. A Parting Thought

"Can a woman forget her nursing child, and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you. Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands." (Isaiah 49:15-16a)

Grow in the Word this Week

Beginning a New Series:

“Me & Life’s Crossroads”

Next Sunday, November 4, 2018

Matthew 4:1-11 - Me & Temptation

Day 1: Read Mt 4:1-11.

Q1. How does satan use the baptismal assurance of Mt 3:17 in the temptation? Whose word is satan questioning?

Q2. Why does the Spirit lead Jesus into this difficult situation?

Day 2: Read Mark 1:12-13.

Q3. What is different about the description of the Spirit’s role between Mk 1:12-13 and Mt 4:1?

Q4. Who is with Jesus in the wilderness according to Mark? Why the reference to the wild beasts?

Day 3: Read Mt 4:1-11 in a different version.

Q5. Under what kind of circumstances was Jesus tempted (v1-2 + Mk 1:12-13)?

Q6. Getting Personal: Has God ever driven you into a wilderness experience? Are you in one now? Why do you think God has done this? How does He want you to respond?

Day 4: Read Mt 4:1-11 in a different version.

Q7. Why is it important to understand satan’s strategy in temptation? Read 2 Cor 2:11. Why is it important to understand our own susceptibility? Read Jas 1:14-15.

Q8. What promise does God give in 1 Cor 10:13? What “way of escape” did Jesus use in Mt 4:1-11? What “way of escape” does James encourage in Jas 4:7? What “way of escape” does Paul tell Timothy to take in 2 Tim 2:22? How do we know which “way of escape” to use in any specific temptation?

Day 5: Read Mt 4:1-11 in a different version.

Q9. In Lk 4:13 it says satan “departed from Him until an opportune time.” What does this addition tell us? [The Message says: “The devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity?” Does satan ever give up?]

Q10. Why is Mt 4:11 important to this incident? What does it tell us about Jesus? What does it tell us about satan?

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